

FIRE PROTECTION POLICY BOARD

Work Session
October 24, 2007
General Administration Building
Olympia, WA

Board Members Present: Wayne Wienholz, Jim Broman, Dean Hosni, Dean Shelton and Jennifer Gregerson

Board Members Absent: T.J. Nedrow, Rick Chaney and Mark Kahley

WSP Staff Present: Anjela Foster, Paul Perz and Ellen Tombleson

Guests Present: Pat Ramsdell and Bryan Everson,
WSP -ITD Staff

OPENING:

Vice-Chair Dean Hosni opened the meeting at approximately 9:10 with introductions and a review of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

DISCUSSION:

Current Liaison Positions/Open Board Positions: Dean reviewed Bud Hover's resignation letter. In his letter, Bud advised that although he has enjoyed his involvement on the Fire Protection Policy Board, he is unable to continue, as he has been placed on another Board. Dean advised that Bud was a valuable asset on the Fire Protection Policy Board and his participation will be missed. Dean further advised that the Governor's Office is currently in the process of determining a replacement for Bud, representing Counties.

In a review of the following Board Liaison positions Wayne Wienholz advised that he would be interested as serving as a representative on the Forum group, pending approval of his Supervisor.

Fire Safe Cigarettes ~ Jim Broman advised that the Washington State Fire Service is looking for support of Fire Safe Cigarettes, and reviewed the draft legislation, along with a letter of support from the National Fire Protection Association and fire cause data. Jim Broman and Anjela Foster provided background information on the legislative process last year, regarding fire safe cigarettes. Wayne Wienholz advised that in Pierce County, the last 3 or 4 fires were determined to be smoking related, with reduced capacity. Anjela also advised

that she will be meeting with the Department of Revenue, the Washington Fire Chiefs and the tribes, and anticipates that the FTE request will be dropped from 2 FTEs to support this program to one FTE. Anjela advised that she will be working with the Attorney General's Office seeking approval for the State Fire Marshal's Office to support this bill.

Following discussion, it was clarified that the intent is to have a Decision Item presented to the Fire Protection Policy Board to take action to endorse/support the Fire Safe Cigarette bill t their Regular Meeting on November 28, 2007.

Fire Training Website ~ Assistant State Fire Marshals Paul Perz and Anjela Foster provided background on Section 903, which id the Department of Information Technology's umbrella for all information technology purchases and which requires coordination with the State of Washington's Department of Information Services on technology applications. Paul also provided background on the training website, including the intent, advantages and possible applications of the website. Bryan Everson also reviewed the initial requirements for development of a new system, and advised that they are currently in discussion with the Department of Personnel, and will be meeting with the Department of Information Technology to review concepts. Brian advised that their goal is to avoid piecemeal implementation, and to ensure that all pieces and applications are compatible and will be interactive. In discussion it was agreed that a critical need of the system is to include a statewide data base of all training and certifications issued. It was also agreed that it is essential for the Fire Protection Policy Board to have input on decisions relating to structure and functionality of the end product. It was agreed that progress reports would be provided at the Board's Work Sessions. Jim Broman stressed that when any critical decisions need to be made, that it is essential that the Board receive the background information in advance to allow time for the Board to have discussion with the groups/associations that they represent on the Board.

Funding for Implementation of Fire Prevention Plan and Standing Committee ~ Anjela Foster provided an overview of the conference call that was held on October 22. Anjela advised that it is Mike's intent to utilize the funds from the Bureau's Operating Account to fund two meetings of the Committee. Anjela will develop cost projections for holding two meetings of the Committee, including travel and per diem for the Committee members.

Options for developing an on going funding mechanism for the Committee were discussed. One possible option was to utilize a set amount from the regional funding, prior to awarding contracts to the regional councils. Anjela advised that if this is the direction the Board wishes to pursue, she will need to know as soon as possible in order to follow the contract development timelines. Jim Broman stated that he fully advocates providing support for Committee members' attendance. Dean Shelton advised that he also advocates exploring a long term revenue solution, instead of switching from one account to another.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Sprinkler Position Paper ~ Anjela Foster presented the Information Item on the Sprinkler Position Paper. Following discussion, Anjela advised that she would have the Paper reformatted on the Board's letterhead stationery and would include a place for individual signatures of the Board members, and bring it to the November meeting as a Decision Item for the Board to endorse.

2008 Meeting Schedule ~ The 2008 meeting schedule was reviewed. Following discussion it was agreed that a Decision Item be presented to the Board at their November meeting to formally adopt the meeting dates as presented.

Fire Service Training Master Plan ~ Chief Brian Van Camp, Chair of the Fire Service Training and Education Committee provided an overview of the process and philosophies used to develop the Statewide Fire Service Training and Education Master Plan and reviewed the Plan. Chief Van Camp further advised that the Plan promotes strong state leadership in fire service training and education. Chief Van Camp passed on the committees' willingness to continue serving through the implementation process.

Following a review of the strategies contained in the Plan, Chief Van Camp stated that he feels there is an opportunity to accomplish Strategies 1 & 2 fairly quickly, and that Goals 3.5 and 3.6 may be a significant challenge. He feels it is essential to work with the colleges and fire service together to ensure their support of the Plan.

During discussion on how competencies will be measured, Chief Van Camp advised that the Plan promotes adopting and standardizing benchmarks for students and instructors, and that tests will be competency based on standards. Jim Broman gave credit to Jim Crawford for his efforts in ensuring that the Plan was similar to the Fire Prevention Master Plan, and for the Committee for their efforts in developing a well thought out plan, that hits on all of the target areas.

Following discussion on the next step of moving the Plan forward, it was agreed that a Decision item should be developed to present to the Board at their November meeting to take action to accept/adopt the Plan and move on to the implementation stage.

SIEC ~ Jim Broman provided an overview of the State Interoperability Executive Committee Summits that are being held in Spokane (November 30th) and SeaTac (December 5th) to local government officials to demonstrate how the plan was developed, it's future direction and to gain local government support of the Plan.

Good of the Order ~ Paul Perz proved an overview of the federal system that is used to mobilize resources to California. One concerned that was discussed was the possibility of jurisdictions mobilizing outside of the process.

Anjela Foster advised that the State Building Code Council would be holding a public hearing on the issue of building separation on November 9, and once the hearing has been held, there should be an indication received as to what action the SBCC will take.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15

Next Meeting:

November 28 – 9:00

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Approved:

Dean Hosni, FPPB Vice- Chair

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